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**Agency Information**

*(Carefully read the instructions before completing this form)*

**1. Agency Information**

- a. Agency Name San Bernardino National Forest Association
- b. Organizational Unit
- c. Address 40971 Hwy 38
- e. City Fawnskin State CA Zip 92333
- f. Federal Id Number 33-0556414 DUNS Number
- g. Agency fiscal year (beginning month and October-01 day)
- h. Agency Type (Please check one)
- ☐ City ☐ County ☐ U.S. Forest Service
- ☐ U.S. Forest Service - Patrol District ☐ U.S. Bureau of Land Management ☐ Other Federal Agency
- ☐ Federally Recognized Native American Tribe ☐ Educational Institution ☒ Nonprofit Organization - 501(c)(3) status only
- ☐ State Agency ☐ District

**2. Project Information**

- a. Project Name General Application Requirements
- b. Is implementing agency same as Agency (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- c. Implementing Agency Name
- d. Amount of Funds Requested Project Cost

**Project Request(s) Summary**

#	Project Type	Project Title	Grant Request	Match	Total Project Cost
1	G08-04-02-S01	Education & Safety	108,000	352,000	460,000

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### 3. Contact

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**A. Location Map**

Attachments:

[Map locating San Bernardino National Forest](#)

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**A. Equipment Inventory**

Has your agency purchased any Equipment with OHV Trust Funds within the last five (5) ☐ Yes ☒ No  
years? (Please select Yes or No)

#	Item Description	Make	Model	Model Year	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) or Serial Number	Project Agreement Number

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**PART 1 - ITEM 1. DETERMINE THE NEED FOR FULL FULL HABITAT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (HMP)**

**All Applicants submitting Projects involving Ground Disturbing Activities are subject to HMP requirements. The HMP must cover the combined Project Area of all proposed Projects with Ground Disturbing Activities.**

**Applicants able to certify that none of the proposed activities listed in the Application in areas open to legal OHV Recreation contain any risk factors to special-status species and/or sensitive habitats shall submit only HMP Part 1. Applicants who cannot certify that the proposed activities listed in the Application in areas open to legal OHV Recreation do not contain any risk factors to special-status species and/or sensitive habitats shall submit HMP Parts 1 and 2.**

1. Do any of your proposed projects involve Ground Disturbing Activities? (Please select ☒ Yes ☐ No Yes or No)
2. Can the Applicant certify that none of the proposed Projects with Ground Disturbing Activities in areas open to legal OHV Recreation contain any risk factors to special-status species and/or sensitive habitats? (If you checked 'Yes', you are done with HMP) (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

**PART 2 - RISK ANALYSIS, MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND REPORTING**

**PART 2 - Section I. Summary of HMP Changes**

Has the Applicant previously submitted a HMP Part 2 that is currently in use in the proposed Project Area? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Table 1 - Summary of HMP Changes**

Changes from Previous Year	Section Where Change Occurs

**PART 2 - Section II - Special Status Species**

**Table 2 - Table of All Special-Status Species and Any Other Species of Local Concern That Were Considered for Inclusion in the HMP**

Species	Listing Status	Habitat	Potential for Occurrence	Addressed by HMP? If not explain why?

**PART 2 - Section III - Map(s) of Project Area**

**PART 2 - Section IV. - Management/Monitoring Program by Species and Sensitive Habitat**

**PART 2 - Section IV. - Management/Monitoring Program by Species and Sensitive Habitat - Table 3**

**Table 3 - Data (Including Baseline Data) and Management Program for Species and/or Sensitive Habitats**

Species/Habitat	Known Information	Methodology	Concerns / Risks / Uncertainties	Management Objective(s)	Management Action(s)	Success Criteria

**PART 2 - Section IV. - Management/Monitoring Program by Species and Sensitive Habitat - Table 4**

**Table 4: Summary of HMP Monitoring Program**

Species/Habitat	Change Detection Methodology	Effectiveness Monitoring Methodology, Including Triggers	Identify Any Applicable Validation Monitoring (Focused Studies)

**PART 2 - Section IV. - Management/Monitoring Program by Species and Sensitive Habitat - Table 5**

**Table 5. Management Review and Response; Adaptive Management**

Monitoring Methodology	How Monitoring Information Will Inform Management	How Data Will Be Analyzed	Management Response to Identified Triggers	Who Will Plan Management Response

**PART 2 - Section V. - Previous Year's Monitoring Results and Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results**

**PART 2 - Section V. - Previous Year's Monitoring Results and Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results - Table 6**

**Table 6: Previous Year's Monitoring Results**

Monitoring Accomplishments	Results	Were Objectives and Success Criteria Achieved?

**PART 2 - Section V. - Previous Year's Monitoring Results and Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results - Table 7**

**Table 7: Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results**

Management Actions	Species/ Habitat	Date Completed or Planned - mm/dd/yyyy	Changes Needed to HMP

**PART 2 - Section V. - Previous Year's Monitoring Results and Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results - Table 8**

**Table 8 Management Actions Taken in Response to HMP-related Public Concerns**

Concern Raised by Public	Actions Taken to Address the Concern

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**A. Soil Conservation**

- a. Do any of your proposed projects involve Ground Disturbing Activities? (Please select ☒ Yes ☐ No Yes or No)

**B. Soil Conservation Plan**

Attachments:

[Soil Plan for SBNF](#)



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**A. Public Notification Efforts**

Check all that apply: (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Notice to interested Parties/Groups (Enter date in mm/dd/yyyy format) [3/15/2009]
- ☒ Published on Applicant's Website (Enter date in mm/dd/yyyy format) [3/15/2009]
- ☐ Published in Newspaper
- ☒ News Release Issued
- ☒ Public Meeting(s) Hearing(s) Held

**B. Public Comments**

Public comments were not project specific, but rather general and in support of the SBNFA applying for grant funding. Comments mostly came from SBNFA partners and volunteers.

**C. Application Development as a result of Public Comments**

- a. Were changes made to the Application as a result of public comments? (Please select ☐ Yes ☒ No Yes or No)
- b. Describe how public comments affected the Application

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## 1. Applicant Certifications

### A. General Conditions

- A. The Applicant hereby certifies, under the penalty of perjury, compliance with the following terms and conditions: ☒
1. If the Project involves a Ground Disturbing Activity, the Applicant agrees to monitor the condition of soils and wildlife in the Project Area each year in order to determine whether the soil conservation standard adopted pursuant to Public Resource Code (PRC), Section 5090.35 and the HMP prepared pursuant to Section 5090.53(a) are being met.
  2. If the Project involves a Ground Disturbing Activity, the Applicant agrees that, whenever the soil conservation standard adopted pursuant to PRC Section 5090.35 is not being met in any portion of a Project Area, the recipient shall close temporarily that noncompliant portion, to repair and prevent accelerated erosion, until the same soil conservation standard adopted pursuant to PRC Section 5090.35 is met.
  3. If the Project involves a Ground Disturbing Activity, the Applicant agrees that, whenever the HMP prepared pursuant to PRC Section 5090.53(a) is not being met in any portion of a Project Area, the recipient shall close temporarily that noncompliant portion until the same HMP prepared pursuant to PRC Section 5090.53(a) is met.
  4. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of off-highway motor vehicles and the other provisions of Division 16.5 (commencing with Section 38000) of the Vehicle Code and to enforce the other applicable laws regarding the operation of off-highway motor vehicles.
  5. The Applicant agrees to cooperate with appropriate law enforcement entities to provide proper law enforcement at and around the Facility.
  6. The Applicant's Project is in accordance with local or federal plans and the strategic plan for OHV Recreation prepared by the OHMVR Division.

### B. Programmatic Conditions

#### B. The Applicant must describe the following programmatic conditions:

1. Identify the potential for the facility to reduce illegal and unauthorized OHV Recreation activities in the surrounding areas:  
By educating the recreating public about the need to maintain public lands and possible penalties, illegal and unauthorized use should be reduced.
2. Describe how the Applicant is meeting the operations and maintenance needs of any existing OHV Recreation Facility under its jurisdiction:  
The SBNFA Volunteer program and its affiliates assist the USDA Forest Service with maintaining facilities and operations per their request.

### C. Fee Collection

Describe how fees collected pursuant to Section 38230 of the Vehicle Code (in-lieu funds) are utilized and whether the fees complement the Applicant's proposed Project:

### D. Compliance with PRC 5090.50(b)(1)(C)

Projects within the O&M category that affect lands identified as inventoried roadless areas by the U.S. Forest Service, are compliant with PRC 5090.50(b)(1)(C). (Please select Yes or No)

☒ Yes ☐ No

## 2. Governing Body Resolution

Attachments:

[Board of Directors Resolution](#)

**3. Land Manager Authorization**

Attachments:

[Partnership Agreement with USDA Forest Service](#)

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## 1. OHV Visitor Opportunity Summary

### 1 OHV Visitor Opportunity Summary

- a. Does the land manager agency provide legal OHV riding opportunity? (Please select ☒ Yes ☐ No Yes or No)

Starting (Month/Year) 01/2008

Ending (Month/Year) 12/2008

- b. Off-Highway Vehicle Opportunity Ratio (OHV Ratio) opportunity

- i. Months of OHV Opportunity (OHV Months) 12

- ii. Total Miles Of Routes Available For OHV Recreation 903

- iii. Total Acres Of Open Riding Available For OHV Recreation 0

- iv. OHV Visitation (visitor days) 238452

- v. Ratio of OHV Visitation/OHV Opportunity 264.07

### 1 OHV Visitor Opportunity Summary (2)

- c. Reference Document that support the responses to a. and b. on previous page

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/projects/lmrp.shtml> -- Forest Land Management Plan directing management for OHV use

National Visitor Use Monitoring Results, San Bernardino National Forest, June 2004, indicating motorized/OHV use levels on the forest

<http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/pages/1140/files/fuel%20tax%20survey%20report.pdf>

<http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/pages/1140/files/rec%20use%20dests%200907.pdf>, indicating annual % rise in OHV use/registration in California

- d. Visitor Opportunity Ratio (V/O Ratio) = OHV Ratio x OHV Months / 12 264.07

Visitor Opportunity Ratio (V/O Ratio) Score 4

## 2. Quality of OHV Opportunity

Land Manager's OHV program 12

Check all that apply (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown is available for distribution at no cost (2 points)
- ☒ Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown is available on the Land Manager's website (2 points)
- ☒ Map indicates relative difficulty of each OHV trail (2 points)
- ☒ Map indicates appropriate OHV use type (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV, etc.) (2 points)
- ☒ At least fifty percent of the staging areas include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures) (2 points)
- ☒ Majority of trail intersections are signed with information such as: trail names, directional signs, relative difficulty, mileage to next feature (2 points)

## 3. Variety of OHV Opportunity

- a. Skill levels (e.g., beginner, intermediate, advanced) indicated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with relative difficulty 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ 3 or more skill levels (5 points)

☐ 2 skill levels (3 points)

☐ 1 skill level (1 point)

☐ Land Manager has no legal OHV riding opportunity  
(No points)

b. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV, RUV, Sand Rail/Dune Buggy) 6

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (6 points)

☐ Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (3 points)

☐ Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)

☐ Land Manager has no legal OHV riding opportunity  
(No points)

#### 4. Agency Contribution

Cost of OHV Program for Land Manager's most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead): 1285000

% Funded by OHV Trust Fund (do not include in-lieu funds): 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No OHV Trust Funds were used (6 points)

☐ 10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (4 points)

☒ 11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)

☐ 26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)

☐ More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (No points)

Reference Document

Cost of forest OHV program is calculated from the forest WorkPlan system. Volunteer contribution is calculated from records kept by the San Bernardino National Forest Association (OHV Volunteers), the Forest OHV Program Manager (Adopt-a-Trail) and forest restoration staff (Big Bear Green Thumbs). State OHV Trust Fund expenditures are reported from forest transaction registers.

#### 5. Project Performance

For Applicant's OHV grant Projects which reached the end of the Project performance period within the last two years, the percentage of all deliverables accomplished 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ 100% of Deliverable accomplished (5 points)

☐ 75% to 99% of Deliverables accomplished (3 points)

☐ Less than 75% of Deliverables accomplished (No points)

☐ First time Applicants and past Applicants with no active Grant projects within the last two years (2 points)

#### 6. Previous Year Performance

In the previous year the Applicant has been responsive and communicated effectively with the assigned OHMVR Grant Administrator by phone, email or personal visit. 3

FOR DIVISION USE ONLY (Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ In the previous year the Applicant has been responsive and communicated effectively with the assigned OHMVR Grant Administrator by phone, email or personal visit (3 points)

☐ First time Applicants and past Applicants with no active Grant projects within the last two years (2 points)

☐ In the previous year the Applicant has not been responsive (No points)

#### 7. Prevention of OHV trespass

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**7. Prevention of OHV trespass - Fence (Page 1)**

- a. Is site a completely fenced facility such that OHV trespass into neighboring properties and/or closed areas is prevented? 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ No (answer items b and c) ☐ Yes (10 points, explain and then skip to item 8)

Explain 'Yes' response:

**7. Prevention of OHV trespass - Patrol (Page 2)**

- b. The majority of OHV Opportunity areas are patrolled (Check the one most appropriate) 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ At least 5 days per week (5 points)  
☐ At least once per week (3 points)  
☐ At least once per month (1 point)  
☐ Less than once per month (No points)

Explain patrol efforts (e.g., frequency of patrol, patrol personnel, percent of lands covered by patrols)

The forest's primary OHV patrol is conducted by three full-time Forest Protection Officers (FPOs), one each assigned to the forest's three districts. The district FPOs work 5 days a week, including weekends, holidays and other times of peak OHV use. FPOs are responsible for patrolling all OHV opportunity on their assigned districts, with emphasis on areas of heavy use, restoration areas and locations where resource impacts are known to regularly occur.

OHV law enforcement is also supported by two full-time Supervisor's Office (SO) employees. The SO employees have primary responsibility for ground operations across the forest, but also spend approximately 30% of their time supporting law enforcement and OHV patrol.

The forest's OHV enforcement program is also supported by the San Bernardino National Forest Association's (SBNFA) OHV Volunteer program. The OHV Volunteers contributed nearly 34,000 hours last year, routinely conducting peer patrol under the direction of the Forest OHV Program Manager.

**7. Prevention of OHV trespass - Measures (Page 3)**

- c. Measures to prevent OHV trespass into neighboring properties and/or closed areas 5

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Barriers and/or signing are used to prevent OHV trespass into neighboring properties and/or closed areas (3 points)  
☒ Education programs, maps and/or brochures provided to the public address OHV trespass, including respect for private property (2 points)

Explain measures utilized to prevent OHV trespass into neighboring properties and/or closed areas

Regulatory signs and barriers are installed and maintained across the Forest to direct OHV users away from unclassified routes, sensitive habitats, cultural and historic resources, and restoration sites. Designated Vehicle Route signs (DVRs) are also installed on all legally designated roads and trails. All maps, kiosks, trailhead signs and brochures reference these signs, alerting users that travel is restricted to designated routes only. (see Forest OHV Guide, available at SO and all Ranger Districts). Closed areas and restoration sites are enforced with gates, fencing and/or barricades, and are signed to alert the public to the reason of closure. Restoration sites are routinely monitored by resource specialists for success of revegetation and to insure intrusions do not continue.

The Forest also, through partnership with the San Bernardino National Forest Association, provides education/outreach programs at local trade shows, schools and other appropriate venues.

## 8. OHV Education

### 8 OHV Education - Page 1

- a. Education materials available onsite 10

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Free literature is provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices (5 points)
- ☒ Bulletin boards, signs or kiosks, at the majority of staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers provide information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation (5 points)

- b. Applicant or Land Manager provides formal programs, educational talks, school field trips, etc. to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices: 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ 50 or more per year (3 points)
- ☐ 20 to 49 times per year (2 points)
- ☐ 5 to 19 times per year (1 point)
- ☐ Less than 5 times per year (No points)

### 8. OHV Education - Page 2

- c. When Facility is open, staff are available at trailheads, visitor centers and/or entrance stations to provide information on safe and responsible OHV use 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ Daily (5 points)
- ☐ On all weekends (4 points)
- ☐ On the majority of weekends (2 points)
- ☐ On major holidays (1 point)
- ☐ None of the above (No points)

- d. ATV Safety Institute and/or Motorcycle Safety Foundation approved training courses are offered 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ Weekly (3 points)
- ☐ Monthly (1 point)
- ☒ Less frequently than monthly (No points)

Describe Land Manager's onsite education efforts:

Maps, brochures and information relating to responsible OHV use are available at the Supervisor's Office, all public District facilities and the Big Bear Discovery Center. Most offices are open Mon-Fri, while the Discovery Center is also open on weekends.

Onsite education is also supported by the SBNFA OHV Volunteers, who contribute over 30,000 hours annually to the forest OHV program, primarily through education-based peer patrol. OHV Volunteers routinely patrol the forest, providing other users with maps, brochures and information about safe and responsible OHV use. Volunteers also conduct free sound testing twice monthly, on weekends, at the Pinnacles staging area.

**9. Website**

- a. OHV outreach efforts are accomplished through the Land Manager's website 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (skip to question 10)      ☒ Yes (provide URL address and answer item b)

Provide URL address <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/recreation/ohv/index.shtml>

- b. The Land Manager's website contains the following items 5

(Check all that apply) - Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points. (Please select applicable values)

- |                                                                       |                                                         |                                                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Map to location                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hours of operation             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety information                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor facilities                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contact information | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> News releases                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information on responsible riding | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Map of Facilities   | <input type="checkbox"/> Fee schedule                                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seasonal restrictions             | <input type="checkbox"/> Link to Division Website       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law enforcement contact information |

**10. OHV Outreach**

Check all forms of OHV outreach the Applicant utilizes: 3

Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 3 points. (Please select applicable values)

- |                                                         |                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Billboards                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CDs and/or DVDs |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community meetings  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OHV dealers     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fairs               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> News releases   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Television      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parades             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Radio           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Programs at schools |                                                     |

**11. Natural and Cultural Resources**

**11. Natural and Cultural Resources - Page 1**

- a. Is the Land Manager's OHV area a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation?

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(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ No (answer item b)      ☐ Yes (5 points, explain and then skip to item 12)

Explain 'Yes' response

**11. Natural and Cultural Resources - Page 2**

- b. Resource Management Information System 5

Does the Land Manager maintain a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:

- Ongoing survey/inventory of species
- Ongoing survey/inventory of archeological sites
- Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations
- Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species;
- Recommendations for improvement in species management
- Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species? (Please select



one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (5 points)

Reference Document

WHPP/HMP -- available at Forest Supervisor's Office, Recreation

Water Quality Management for Forest System Lands in California, Best Management Practices. Available at [www.fs.fed.us/r5/publications/water\\_resources/waterquality/water-best-mgmt.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/publications/water_resources/waterquality/water-best-mgmt.pdf). BMPs: 2-7, 2-22, 2-26, 2-28, 4-7, 5-1, 5-4, 5-6.

Forest Land Management Plan, Monitoring Guide. Available at:  
[http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/documents/sbnf\\_imp\\_monitoring\\_v1.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/documents/sbnf_imp_monitoring_v1.pdf)

## 12. Soil Management

### 12. Soil Management - Page 1

- a. Land Manager has developed a systematic methodology for evaluating soil conditions of its OHV Opportunities? 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response San Bernardino National Forest, Soil Conservation Plan -- Available at Supervisor's Office, and as part of the Forest grant application for this year.

- b. Land Manager has developed methods to address soil issues? 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response San Bernardino National Forest, Soil Conservation Plan -- Available at Supervisor's Office, and as part of the Forest grant application for this year.

### 12. Soil Management - Page 2

- c. Land Manager performs soil monitoring 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ Monthly (3 points)

☐ After major rain events (2 points)

☐ Annually (No points)

## 13. Sound Level Testing

The Applicant or Land Manager conducts, or causes to be conducted, sound level testing 4

(Check only one if applicable) (Please select one from list)

☒ On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (4 points)

☐ At least 25% but less than 50% of holidays and weekends (2 points)

☐ Less than 25% of holidays and weekends (No points)

Describe the sound testing program

The San Bernardino National Forest, through partnership with the San Bernardino National Forest Association (SBNFA) and California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC), regularly conducts voluntary sound testing at the Pinnacles Staging Area and other locations across the forest. Staffed primarily by volunteers, a cost-free sound testing station is operated from 10:00am to 3:00pm the first and third Sunday of each month and during holiday weekends and special events.

The CTUC sound tests are conducted by state certified personnel and are strictly voluntary. Citations are not issued for non-compliance as the voluntary test area is considered by the forest a `safe zone.` Non-compliant users who choose to leave the staging area and enter the forest, however, may be cited by forest service law enforcement or forest protection officers.